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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KATSUMI OTSUKA) Examiner: J. Jeanglaude
Application No.: 10/814,510) Group Art Unit: 2819
Filed: April 1, 2004)
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APPARATUS AND METHOD,)
COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND)
COMPUTER-READABLE)
STORAGE MEDIUM) February 14, 2005

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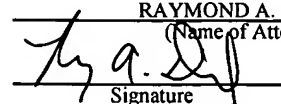
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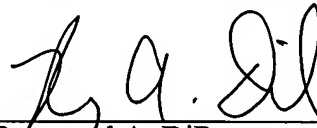
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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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